



## Mountain City Alumni Club Sigma Pi

Brothers,

As the newest member of the MCAC board, I have been tasked with continuing to grow the Sigma Pi alumni group at Central Michigan.

Letter from Rick Overway

There are many reasons to become a member and to stay active with the Alumni Club. Participating in the annual events is one.

Each year Dane Smith schedules a Detroit Tigers game in June (6/9/18). Michael Pesendorfer organizes a Mt. Pleasant golf outing in August (8/17/18). Al Kent hosts the annual Christmas party in December (12/27/18). There are also Founder's Day in February, and Homecoming in the fall (10/6/18).

These are all well attended, and a whole lot of fun. But the most important reason to become, and stay a member of the MCAC is to continue to strengthen the relationships with your fraternity brothers.

I asked Dave Mallehan, a brother that recently became re-involved to share his personal experience. The following is his experience, in his own words:

Letter from Dave Mallehan

*Good morning brothers,*

*I have been asked to share my experience with MCAC. First, let me say joining this group has been one of the best and most refreshing things I have done in a very long time. At this point I need to regress back to the early days after I graduated in 1980. I left CMU and started the next chapter in my life. I would occasionally go to events like homecoming but I never really got involved. I married Sheri in 1981 and many of my Sigma Pi brothers attended my wedding. The years continued to march on. Many years passed and from time to time I would think about how great my time with all my brothers was, and I really missed them. However, I still did not get too involved. Fast forward to 7 years ago. My wife became terminally ill and I felt very alone in the world. Then I reached out to a couple of alumni to share my frustrations. Curt Carson and Doug Lyons got back with me almost instantly. I can't describe how badly I missed them and all the brothers. I absolutely realized at that point just how important all my brothers were to me. I started to go to the Christmas party. Boy was that a shot in the arm. I reconnected with so many of my alumni brothers and met many actives as well. I didn't want to leave. Being a part of something this big makes me feel very grateful and it is also a humbling experience. Nowhere else in this life can you trust people like you can trust your brothers. We always had each other's backs no matter what. You just can't find that in everyday life anymore. Once Sheri passed away I was devastated. I was so blown away at the outpouring of support from my brothers I could scarcely believe it. Now that things have settled down I find going to group events like the Christmas party and Tigers games is something I get excited about and look forward to seeing who will show up. I am never disappointed. I intend to remain close now as all of you are my family, just as you were so many years ago. The bottom line here is please start to get involved in the MCAC if you aren't already. These are truly friends of a lifetime. Don't do as I did and get caught up in the day to day life. Don't let so many years go by before you realize it and come back to the fold. I regret that I got so caught up in things that I forgot just how important the MCAC and the brothers of Sigma Pi are to me. I won't make that mistake ever again.*

*Sigma Pi forever,  
Dave Mallehan*



Cheese, Smitty, and Zits  
74-75 alumni

As we get older, relationships and experiences become more important than anything else. In fact, when we face difficult times, nothing is more important than the support of other people.

Life has been very good for many of the brothers that I am in contact with. These guys aren't just fraternity brothers, they are lifelong friends. We all sang many times, we are a "fellowship united, a brotherhood are we".

If you are currently a member of the MCAC, we thank you. If you are a brother whose membership has lapsed, we ask you to re-join. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to experience the memories and laughter of being a member, we ask you to thoughtfully consider joining. There are over 1000 of us Delta Alpha alumni out there!

Annual cost is \$50 and it's really easy to join online at: [www.delta-alpha.com](http://www.delta-alpha.com). Or send a check payable to MCAC to:

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Thank you all, and we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Rick Overway and your Sigma Pi brothers

